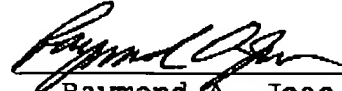


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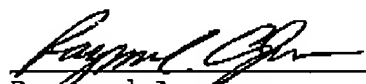
STATEMENT OF NEW DETERMINATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS, FOR
PAYMENT OF ISSUE FEE, PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g)

Sir:

Applicant is a Small Entity and, therefore, Small
Entity Status is entitled to be asserted for the above-

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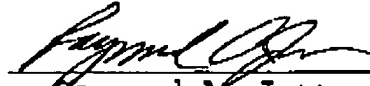
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

This is a Comments On Statement Of Reasons For
Allowance in the above-identified application. Entry of this

Comments On Statement Of Reasons For Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or suggest, alone, or in any combination, the present invention, as defined by each of the allowed pending Claims 41-51, 53, 54, 57, 60-62 and 64-85.

Regarding independent Claim 41, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or suggest, alone, or in any combination, a computer-implemented method, comprising: storing, with a central processing computer, information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an

arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual; receiving and storing, with the central processing computer, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the first individual or the third individual initiates or establishes a

communication link with the central processing computer using a first communication device, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from the first communication device and is received by the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established; processing, with the central processing computer, the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the central processing computer processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the information regarding an available ticket; generating, with the central processing computer, at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message contains information regarding at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the

event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and transmitting, from the central processing computer, the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Regarding independent Claim 65, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or suggest, alone, or in any combination, a computer-implemented method, comprising: receiving and storing, with a central processing computer, information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of

the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual; receiving and storing, with the central processing computer, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event

when the first individual or the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the first individual or the third individual initiates or establishes a communication link with the central processing computer using a first communication device, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from a first communication device and is received by the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established; processing, with the central processing computer, the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the central processing computer processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the information regarding an available ticket; generating, with the central processing computer, at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message

contains information regarding at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and transmitting, from the central processing computer, the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Regarding independent Claim 79, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or suggest, alone, or in any combination, a computer-implemented method, comprising: storing, with a central processing computer, information regarding a ticket request for a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event,

wherein the ticket for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is at least one of a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, and a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the at least one of a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, and a performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual; receiving and storing, with the central processing computer, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or the third individual is

leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the first individual or the third individual initiates or establishes a communication link with the central processing computer using a first communication device, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from the first communication device and is received by the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established; processing, with the central processing computer, the information regarding a ticket request for a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the central processing computer processes the information regarding the ticket request using the information regarding an available ticket; generating, with the central processing computer, a ticket availability message, wherein the ticket availability message contains information regarding a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and transmitting, from the central processing computer, the ticket availability message to a second communication device associated with or

used by the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the ticket availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

Regarding independent Claim 85, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or suggest, alone, or in any combination, an apparatus, comprising: a central processing computer, further comprising: a memory device, wherein the memory device stores information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event or a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the event is a game, an athletic event, a competition, a performance, a concert, or a tournament, and further wherein the event is an event which takes place at or in a stadium, an arena, a theatre, a movie theatre, a concert hall, a museum, or a performance hall, and further wherein the ticket for the entire event corresponds to a seat or seats at the stadium,

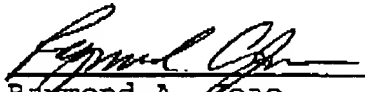
the arena, the theatre, the movie theatre, the concert hall, the museum, or the performance hall, for the event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket for a portion of the event, or a payment for a purchase or a use of the ticket option for a portion of the event, being made to the ticket account of the first individual or a ticket account of a third individual; a receiver, wherein the receiver receives, and the memory device or the central processing computer stores, information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event either prior to a start or a completion or a conclusion of the event or when the first individual or the third individual is leaving a venue of the event or leaving the event during the event and prior to a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein a communication link is initiated or established between the receiver or the central processing computer and a first communication device associated with the first individual or

the third individual, and further wherein the information regarding an available ticket for a portion of an event is transmitted from the first communication device and is received by the receiver or by the central processing computer after the communication link is initiated or established; a processing device, wherein the processing device processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for the ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event or the ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the processing device or the central processing computer processes the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request using the information regarding an available ticket, and further wherein the processing device or the central processing computer generates a ticket availability message or a ticket option availability message, wherein the ticket availability message or the ticket option availability message contains information regarding a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event or a ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein

the ticket availability message or the ticket option availability message is generated before a completion or a conclusion of the event; and a transmitter, wherein the transmitter transmits the ticket availability message or the ticket option availability message to a second communication device associated with the second individual or a fourth individual, wherein the ticket availability message or the ticket option availability message is transmitted to the second communication device before a completion or a conclusion of the event.

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